



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 168**

LCO No. 1098

Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:  
SEN. HARP, 10<sup>th</sup> Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING NUTRITION LABELING AT RESTAURANTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 That section 21a-102 of the general statutes be amended to add the  
2 following reasons why a food shall be deemed misbranded:

3 (a) If it is a standard menu item offered by a restaurant or similar  
4 retail food establishment, which is identified with a chain having ten  
5 or more locations nationally, doing business under the same trade  
6 name, regardless of the type of ownership of the individual restaurant  
7 locations, and offering predominantly the same types of meals, foods  
8 or menus, unless the menu lists next to each item on the menu, in a  
9 size and typeface similar to other information about each item,  
10 nutritional information, including, but not limited to, the total number  
11 of: (1) Calories; (2) grams of saturated fat plus trans fat; (3) grams of  
12 carbohydrates; and (4) milligrams of sodium per serving, as usually  
13 prepared and offered for sale;

14 (b) If the restaurant or similar retail food establishment uses only a  
15 menu board, it may limit the nutritional information listed on the

16 menu board to the total number of calories per serving per item in a  
17 size and typeface similar to other information about the item; provided  
18 additional information shall be made available to customers in writing  
19 upon request; and

20 (c) If a restaurant or similar retail food establishment provides a  
21 salad bar, buffet line, cafeteria service or similar self-serve  
22 arrangement, it may limit the nutritional information provided for  
23 items offered in such an arrangement to the total number of calories  
24 per standard serving per item in a size and typeface similar to other  
25 information provided about the item; provided additional information  
26 about the item shall be made available to customers in writing upon  
27 request.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide information to consumers to help them limit caloric intake.